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The Ainslie School Newsletter



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2019 Dates to Remember

4 March		Kindy Health Check information due
5 March	9-3 5:30-6:30	Swimming Carnival and Water Fun Day Year 5 Band Selection Information Session
8 March	12:30 1-2 pm	Assembly GWS AFL visit
9 March	6-7pm	Reading hour in the Goodwin library

Canberra Day Public Holiday

Year 6 Camp

School Photos

20 Mar **7pm** **P&C AGM – all welcome**

Dear Families and Friends,

Last Thursday's picnic on the playground brought many friends and families together. It was nice to meet so many of you and fun to observe our young tour guides sharing information about the school grounds and buildings with confidence and pride. Teacher talks during the evening introduced families to members of the education team, and Term Overview letters were shared. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office team if you missed this opportunity and require further information about classroom organisation.

The next step in Ainslie School's start up routine is the opportunity for parents to share aspirations and information that will support your child to thrive. We recognise that each of our students brings a unique background and combination of strengths, talents and learning preferences. Personalising the school experience of our students is important work, and *Parent-Teacher Interviews* contribute immensely to this process. We look forward to learning more about your children from you in the coming weeks.

In addition to the strong focus on parent/teacher communication that is part of our start up to the year, teachers at Ainslie welcome opportunities to talk with you about your child's learning and social success at any time. Please don't hesitate to contact them by email or through a phone message to the school office.

University Connections

Ainslie teachers have enjoyed a connection with the University of Canberra for many years. This engagement supports the development of high quality professionals, through their studies in Initial Teacher Education. The experience of a placement at Ainslie School provides Pre-Service Teachers with the opportunity to work alongside a team of committed and skilful professionals. While Pre-Service Teachers benefit from working with our teachers, we are well aware of the importance of working alongside people entering the profession who bring different perspectives and closeness to research. Through examining and asking questions about our work, Pre-Service teachers keep us consciously skilled. They contribute immensely to the culture of inquiry that is so important in today's schools.

This week, we welcome Aleisha Judge, Sharon Murray, Tim Walshe, and Natasha Zagar who are studying Primary Arts as a teaching specialisation, and 25 of their colleagues who will be learning about teaching Humanities and Social Sciences alongside our Year 4 team. I know these educators will enjoy learning from our students and the capable team that will be supporting them.

Active Streets Reminder

As we encourage physical activity around our grounds and streets, families are reminded that walking to school – even part way - promotes healthy habits. Our local footpaths adorn bright markings that indicate 800m drop off points from school and may support families to help our students explore and grow confident around our neighbourhood.

We thank you for reducing traffic congestion through promoting physical activity.

Instrumental Music Program: Year 5 Band Selection

This week, 23 of Ainslie's Year 5 students will receive offers to join the *ACTETD Instrumental Music Program (IMP)*. This program compliments the performing arts curriculum, which provides musical experience for students from Preschool to Year 6. Brass band offers are based on a process of musical aptitude assessment, which is conducted through the IMP. These students will be working with our visiting music specialist teacher, Shoshanna Honey-Erlandson and Mr Michael McDougal. Ainslie's Year 6 IMP band will work with Ms Faith Bentley.

We look forward to sharing more information about the program with new band members and their families at an information session between 5:30 and 6:30pm next Tuesday 5 March.

The IMP Brass Band is one element of an initiative that engages all of Ainslie's senior primary students in learning and performing in a musical ensemble. Others engage in Strings and Ukulele groups. If you would like to know a little more about the IMP or our ensemble music program more broadly please don't hesitate to contact Ainslie's music specialist Jess Copeman, by email, or through the office team.

School Board Update

[Add Amanda's update.](#)

We look forward to announcing the membership of Ainslie's School Board as notification is received from the ACT Education Directorate.

Once again, I thank the 2018 School Board for engaging in this important forum, which has so positively influenced and supported the quality of teaching and learning Ainslie students, staff and families enjoy.

Supporting Student Engagement

Ainslie School students are provided many opportunities throughout the year that enhance our curriculum. These activities include excursions, visits from performing artists and camps. With a strong philosophy of inclusion, it is our aim to ensure that all students have access to these events. Working with families is important to enable each child to access the experiences enjoyed by their classes. If you require financial assistance for your child's participation at school, please don't hesitate to contact me through our office team.

Planning for Growth: Ainslie School's Masterplan

We thank the parents and staff who gathered last Wednesday evening to learn a little more about the Master Planning process for Ainslie School which will support our growing community.

Chris Jacobi from the ACT Education Directorate's Major Projects team outlined emerging logistics of the planning process and has committed to providing updates at monthly meetings to support collaboration in this venture. We look forward to connecting again from 5:30-6:30 on Wednesday 20 March.

All the best for the week ahead,

Wendy Cave



Reminder: Emergency Treatment Plans

If your child requires medical treatment for an existing condition such as asthma, anaphylaxis, or diabetes please ensure that you have provided an updated Emergency Treatment Plan to the front office.

This week we have seen examples of special effort from:

Louis S	5H	Taking risks with his learning by trying challenging tasks
IS & AOK children		Co-designing a nature space to be installed at Glebe Park

Curriculum Highlights: English as an Additional Language or Dialect

At Ainslie School, we are fortunate to have a diverse, multicultural community. 99 of our 398 students bring English as an additional language or dialect, and approximately 40 languages are spoken by our families.

EAL/D teaching is a specialised field of education and recognises that learners are learning cultural information as well as new language. Not every student who has another language is identified as an EAL/D learner because he/she may be proficient when using English.

The ACT Education Directorate's English as an Additional Language or Dialect Census supports the allocation of resources across the system to enable all students to access a quality education in our schools. Each February and August, EALD learners are assessed and evaluated to identify literacy and learning outcomes. Where additional support is required, Ainslie School provides targeted intervention and adjustments for learning.

If you would like to learn a little more about Ainslie's approach to supporting EALD learners, please don't hesitate to contact our EALD Specialist, Dawn Maree Dunn dawnmaree.dunn@ed.act.edu.au or your child's teacher.



GIANTSGiants Western Sydney AFL Players

Students are invited to have a kick of the footy with a few GWS players on the playground

**on Friday the 8th of March
Lunchtime (1-2pm)**

Housekeeping

Managing Student Attendance

Please remember to communicate with us when your child is absent. We ask parents to make contact with the school's office team by phone or email on the day of the absence.

Community connections

Classroom Carers are a highly valued link between classroom teachers and the community. Parents who are interested in learning more about this role are encouraged to contact Melynda McDonald (P&C Vice President) on email mel@meltin.net or phone 0416 191 812

Clothing

Labelling your children's clothing and belongings at the beginning of the year can save money, time and frustration as the year progresses. Please remember to check the lost property bins in the year 5 corridor for misplaced items.

Late Passes

If your child is running late in the morning, please remind them to check in at the front office for a late slip before going to class.

Flexi schools – A reminder from Oishii Canteen

Welcome back to school from Ari and Clare

Please ensure your child's class is updated when you next order from the canteen.

Japanese Language Assistant – Host Families Needed

In terms 2-4 this year, Ainslie School will be hosting a volunteer Japanese Language Teacher's Assistant (JTA). We are looking forward to having Keisuke Miura, who enjoys watching movies, travel and sports, particularly soccer, tennis and table tennis. Keisuke is a student of Kagoshima University in southern Japan. During his stay he will be assisting in the Japanese language classes at Ainslie while also improving his English skills through interaction with our community.

For this program to succeed we rely on Keisuke to stay with families in the school community. He will pay a contribution towards food and board of \$170 a week to his host. This program is well established in ACT schools and is of great benefit to both the Japanese program and to the families who become involved. We find the families really enjoy this experience as it allows them to expand their knowledge and understanding of Japan. This is an ideal way to encourage your children to engage with the Japanese language and make lifelong friends.

We are seeking **expressions of interest from families who would be willing to host Keisuke for a period of 6-10 weeks** (eight weeks is ideal) during Terms 2 – 4. He will require his own bedroom but is happy to share a bathroom.

If you are able to assist or would like more information, please return the slip below to the front office and we will get in contact with you shortly. This program relies heavily on the support and hospitality of the school community and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

If you are unable to host for a longer term but are interested in offering weekend stays, emergency back up or the occasional social activity, please return the form below. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on Melanie.Cummins@ed.act.edu.au

Kind regards,
Mel Cummins

JAPANESE LANGUAGE ASSISTANT – OFFER TO HOST or SUPPORT

Name _____ Phone _____

Children at school _____ Class/es _____

Please tick

1. We would be interested in hosting (please circle)
 - For a period of 6 8 10 weeks
 - In term 2 3 4
2. We would like to offer other support by _____



SSACT 12&U Track and Field State Team Selection Trials

The School Sport Australia 12&U Track and Field Championships will be taking place in Darwin, NT this year and due to their weather conditions, the event has moved to 18-23 September, from its traditional dates in December, requiring a much earlier selection process.

The State Team Selection Trial dates have been confirmed;
Wednesday 20 March - 4.30pm - 6.45pm, Woden Park
AND
Tuesday 26 March - 4.30pm - 6.45pm, Woden Park

The eligible events have been divided between the 2 dates in an effort to not disadvantage any one group of athletes.

A Program of Events, Qualifying Standards and Rules of Competition can be found on the Track and Field page of the SSACT website;

<https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/SportDetail/Index/21>

All students wishing to trial will be invited to register online sharing their events and performance details - the portal will be opened for registrations on Friday 22 February and close on Friday 15 March to allow time for Meet Manager processing. There is a small fee at the time of registration.

Note these trials are the selection vehicle for the State Team, there will be no selections made at the 10 September ACT Championships, this event will still be the culminating event for students from the four regional carnivals.



Come along to the Ainslie School Playgroup

Ainslie School Playgroup is an opportunity for children from birth to five years to play and build relationships with other children residing in the suburbs of Action, Reid, Braddon and Ainslie to Wakefield Ave

When: Every Friday during school term

Time: 9:30 am to 11:30am

Venue: Baker Gardens Preschool
Baker Gardens Ainslie

What to bring: A piece of fruit or vegetable to share,
a water bottle and a SunSmart hat.

Ainslie School Playgroup has been designed to support community connections as parents or carers stay with their child.

For more information please contact Ainslie School on
61423060



The flavour fairies of **Oishii Canteen** present

- BRING YOUR OLD -

FORKS & SPOONS

- TO SCHOOL DAY -

OISHII
HERE WE
COME!

YAY!
WHEN?

FRIDAY
MARCH 1st !

SWEEEEET!

Oishii Canteen has a dream of becoming waste free in 2019

Part of that dream is getting rid of single use plastic forks and spoons.

This year, Youth and Schools Clean Up Day will be held on Friday, 1 March and we challenge everyone in our school community to bring in an old fork or spoon from home to help us make single use plastics a thing of the past.

Bring one (or more) and make a difference.

Pop them into your class's lunch order tub in the morning to be delivered to the canteen as usual.

The number of forks and spoons will be counted and the class with the most forks and spoons will win a prize!



Dishii Canteen's
**TERM ONE, 2019
DONATION WISHLIST**

KC: CORN PUFF, BRAND: ABUNDANT EARTH (HEALTH AISLE)

KCS: GLUTEN FREE SPAGHETTI

KJ: GLUTEN FREE SPAGHETTI

KS: PURE VANILLA ESSENCE

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IS: NUTRIGRAIN

I2: MILO CEREAL

2L: TINNED TUNA IN SPRINGWATER

2W: COCAO

3C: WEETBIX BITES

3W: WEETBIX BITES

4HT: WHITE RICE

4PR: BROWN RICE

5H: TINNED CHICKPEAS

5M: TINNED KIDNEY BEANS

6B: GLUTEN FREE SOY SAUCE

6LM: GLUTEN FREE SPAGHETTI

6MM: GLUTEN FREE SOY SAUCE

NON-PERISHABLE CLASSROOM DONATIONS ASSIST DISHII
PROVIDE HEALTHY DELICIOUS FOOD OPTIONS 5 DAYS A WEEK!



Volunteers Wanted

If you have some spare time during the week and want to make a positive difference in children's lives.

Ari and Claire would love to hear from you.

Please phone the school (6142 3060) if you can help

is required. ...
... energetic personality a must.
... don't wait call HR today.

Interviews Daily!

HELP WANTED!

Needed: Uniform shop co-ordinator

The P&C is looking for someone
to take over the co-ordination
of the Uniform shop.

Duties include:

- Opening the shop 2 mornings per week (8:45-9:15am)
- Delivering online orders to classrooms or the front office
- Ordering stock and some finances

Handover/help will be available

Contact: Lee - 0412 865 870
ainslieuniformshop@hotmail.com

If we can't find a helper, the uniform shop may regretfully have to close.

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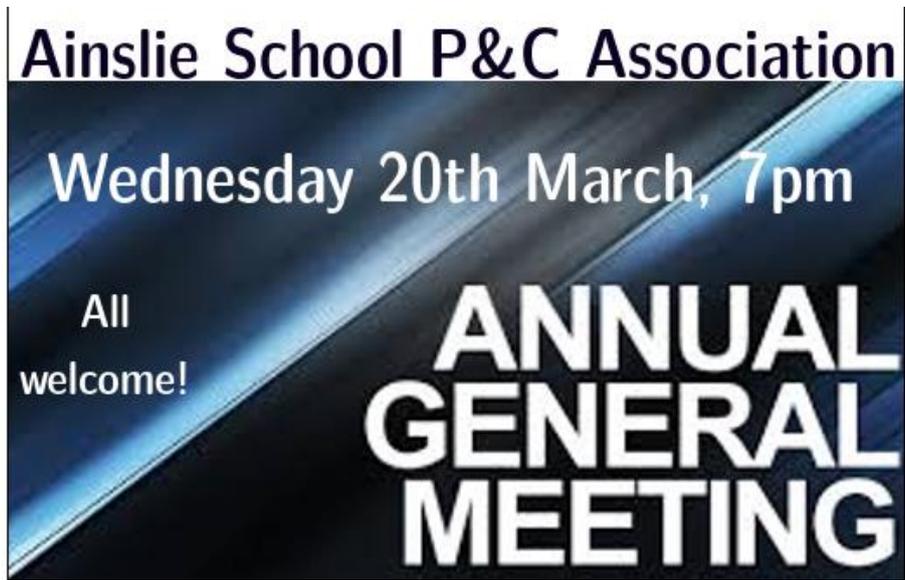
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P&C Opportunity and Achievement Allowance

Did you know that each year the P&C provides support to families by way of the Opportunity and Achievement Allowance?

The purpose of this policy (attached) is to provide financial support to recognise current students representing the school in approved activities or enable current students to participate in a sporting, academic, cultural, community or artistic experience.

This means that the P&C is able to offer a small allowance to families for students that attend selected representative sport, academic or artistic events that are held at the national or international level.

It also means that the P&C is able to provide financial assistance to families to enable students to participate in sporting, academic or artistic experiences that they may not otherwise be able to attend.

If you would like to apply for an Opportunity and Achievement allowance, please complete the attached form and return it to the P&C secretary (Mel - mel@meltin.net).

Please note that all applications are confidential.



